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INTELLIGENCE FROM A JOURNALIST AND FROM PER ON FINLAND

POSSIBILITY OF OBTAINING CIPHER FADS FROM AKASTO (1942)

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22 Apr. 42

Name No. 42[i]

The correspondent of the New York Times has reported that, during the first half of April, General LIST was in FINLAND and had private conversations with M/\_NNERHEIM and DIETL. He afterwards visited VIBORG and inspected the units intended for the attack on LENINGRAD from the direction of the KARELIAN Isthmus.

From PER.[ii]

Several days ago a delegation of workers visited President RYTI and demanded that soldiers should be released from army units for spring-time work on the farms, because otherwise there would be no harvest at all this year. The delegation stated that the workers were of the opinion that, at a time which was so difficult for FINLAND, the military Commanders were continuing to plan an offensive. On several occasions in the Finnish Sejm a few deputies have spoken against the continuation of the offensive and in particular against the plan to attack SOROKA as soon as weather conditions permit, for which [1 group garbled] part of the districts of POVENETs and between the lakes to the west of SOROKA.

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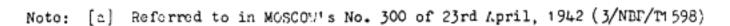
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By agreement between AKASTO and myself, he could hand over to me, if MOSCOW does not object, 10 outgoing pads and 5 incoming pads.[iv] Please [2 groups unrecovered].

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Distribution



Comments: [i] Name No. 42: Possibly Capt. M. A. VORONTsOV.

[ii] PER : Probably Erik BJERTNAS, a Norwegian journalist.

[iii] AKASTO : Probably Col. N. I. NIKITUShEV, Soviet Military

Attaché in STOCKHOLM.

[iv] MOSCOW's No. 309 of 30th April, 1942 (unpublished) states that AKASTO has been instructed to hand over 10 incoming and outgoing pads.

[v] Name No. 64: Probably Aleksandr PAVLOV, Tass correspondent in STOCKHOLM.

